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Proceeding	91217630
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In the matter of U.S. Trademark Application

Serial No. 86112261

Mark: It's a Black Hills Thing, you wouldn't understand 'till you been here !

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Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Inc.,	)	
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Opposer, )	)	
	)	Opposition No. 91217630
vs	)	
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Gary St. Martin Hansen,	)	
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Applicant.	)	
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ANSWER TO OPPOSERS MOTION TO SUSPEND FOR APPLICANT TO RETAIN  
COUNSEL.

I received this motion to suspend by email the following day from Charles Landrum III.  
Pursuant to TBMP § 510.03(a), Opposer, Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Inc., moves to  
suspend this proceeding due to Applicant's professed intent to retain counsel and due  
to his refusal to sit for a trial examination. On Monday, February 22, 2016, Counsel  
for Opposer conferred via phone with Applicant and reached agreement to take  
Applicant's position in  
Johnson, Vermont on Monday, February 29, 2016. Then, on Tuesday, February 23,  
2016,

Applicant contacted counsel for Opposer, cancelling the deposition and informing counsel that Applicant intends to retain counsel. In light of Applicant's professed intent to retain counsel,

good cause exists for the Board to suspend the proceedings pursuant to TBMP § 510.03(a)

No,1 Applicant was not asked for permission to Suspend Application.

No.2 Applicant was NOT informed that Opposer was going to call for a conference on Monday February 23, 2016 at any time, or any date. Thus, Applicant was NOT to prepared to make a decision concerning this conference call.,

No.3 The proposal by Opposers , Jason Sneed, and Charles Landrum III, was that the applicant terminate his application for trademark , and that would be the only settlement that they would except.. the Applicant's response was " that is NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN ! " Jason Sneed then said, " I don't want to be cocky Gary, but you are going to lose this case because you have no counsel, and this is a RICH MAN'S GAME , "

No,4 As usual, as is evident by the Applicant's previous filings to the USPTO, the Applicant, trying to be as cooperative as possible in the hopes that a settlement could be reached with the Applicant being allowed to have his trademark confirmed, and, on the spur,of the moment, thought that this would aid in that effort, UNTIL Jason Sneed said that the Applicant "would lose because of the difficulty for the Applicant to file the briefs necessary in the trial, without counsel.

No.5 Thus, within 5 minutes the Applicant called Jason Sneed back, getting his voice mail left a message that he would not be accepting this appointment in Burlington, Vt. to be deposed, and that he would be seeking counsel. Then I received this motion to suspend. in an email on the 23 of February.

Respectfully Submitted

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Dated: February 26, 2016

CERTIFICATE of FILING

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Dated February 26 ,2016

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Gary St. Martin Hansen

CERTIFICATE of SERVICE

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The Undersigned counsel of record hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Answer to Motion to Suspend was served by placing a copy in US Mail, postage, prepaid

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